

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [047] and add new paragraph [060] of the specification as shown below, in which deleted terms are shown with strikethrough and/or double brackets, and added terms are shown with underscoring. Also, please amend the heading appearing between paragraphs [007]-[008] and the heading appearing between paragraphs [030]-[031] as shown below.

Heading appearing between paragraphs [007]-[008]

~~DISCLOSURE~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Heading appearing between paragraphs [030]-[031]

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

Paragraph [047] As described above, the casting die 10 according to the present embodiment has excellent resistance to thermal shocks. Even when the above casting process is repeatedly performed on the casting die 10, the casting die 10 is less susceptible to heat cracks than general casting dies. Therefore, the casting die 10 can repeatedly be used over a long period of time. Specifically, while a general casting die starts to suffer heat cracks when it has been repeatedly used about 2000 times, the casting die 10 can be repeatedly used about 4000 times before it suffers heat cracks. Stated otherwise, the frequency with which to ~~replace~~ the casting die 10 must be replaced is greatly reduced, so that investments for the casting facility using the casting die 10 may be reduced and hence the cost of castings produced using the casting die 10 may also be lowered.

Paragraph [060] Although there has been described what is the present embodiment of the invention, it will be understood that modifications and variations may be made thereto within the spirit and scope of the invention as reflected in the appended claims.